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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) PROPOSED MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM NAVY VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

May 26, 2009

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), as required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), is opening a public review and comment period for the proposal submitted by Volunteers of America, Project Sponsors of the Navy Village for Families Project proposed to be funded through the MHSA Housing Program. Through the MHSA Housing Program, LACDMH was allocated \$115,571,200 for capital development and capitalized operational subsidies for permanent supportive housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities and their families. As required by the program, the funds were transferred to California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), who will administer the funds and underwrite the loans. The project is located in Service Area 8 and Supervisorial District 4 and will target homeless low income families with children. They are requesting a MHSA Capital Development loan of \$1,257,960 and \$1,248,000 for Operating Subsidies for the 12 MHSA funded units, of a 76 unit project, which will be dedicated to individuals with psychiatric disability.

The public review and comment period will run from May 26, 2009 through June 26, 2009. The documents under review will be posted on the LACDMH website (<http://dmh.lacounty.info/mhsa/>) and hard copies are available from LACDMH Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Any member of the public may request a hard copy of the document by contacting Dr. Maria Funk, District Chief, at (213) 251-6582.

Please e-mail your input, recommendations and comments to MHSApubliccomment@dmh.lacounty.gov or submit written comments to Dr. Maria Funk, Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, 10th Floor, and Los Angeles, CA 90005 or by fax to (213) 637-2336.

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